## Northwest Sector 2004 NPI Priority Report

Neighborhood: Crown Hill/Ballard

Matrix Activity III T2

15th Avenue NW/NW 85th Street Gateway Acquire (or coordinate with owner/developer) on the northeast corner of 15th Ave. NW/NW 85th St. and provide a public use area that includes seating, art, a bus stop with enhanced shelter and information, and retail services integrated into the pedestrian orientation of the space.

Construct landscaped medians on 15th Ave. NW north and south of left-turn lanes at NW 85th St. Widen sidewalks and provide streetscaping along northeast block faces.

Construct ornamental arch or gate spanning intersection of 15th Ave. NW/NW 85th St. Integrate with traffic control and street lighting.

Provide signalized mid-block pedestrian crossing on 15th Ave. NW between NW 83rd and 85th Streets. Coordinate with adjacent signals on 15th Ave. NW.

**Priority** Top

Status: In-Progress

Sub-Activity Implement improvements recommended in the "Envision 15th Avenue NW" plan as part of the 15th Ave. Improvements and Monorail Station Area Planning projects.

Summary Due to budget constrains, the City's 15th Avenue Improvements project will not go forward at this time. However, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will work with the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) to incorporate the elements they can into the Monorail permit requirements.

#### **Implementors**

Department	Role	Contact Name and Number
Transportation	Lead	Ethan Melone, (Cynthia Robinson), 684-8066, (615-1243)
Neighborhoods	Participating	Rob Mattson, 684-4060
DPD	Participating	David Graves, 684-3897

Matrix Activity BMC-10

Develop mixed income multifamily housing units in midrise (65') structure.

**Priority** Second

Status: In-Progress

Sub-Activity Explore ways to provide affordable housing in and/or around the Ballard Municipal

Summary Laura Hewitt Walker and Rick Hooper from Office of Housing are working with the Ballard Affordable Housing Task Force sponsored by the Ballard District Council. Laura presented demographic and housing trends data at a meeting of the Ballard District Council on April 14th. The Affordable Housing Task Force plans to develop a plan of action which may include a forum where private and non-profit housing developers are invited in to learn more about the Ballard community as well as specific site opportunities. Councilman Tom Rasmussen has expressed an interest in being directly involved in this process.

#### **Implementors**

Department	Role	Contact Name and Number
Housing	Lead	Laura Hewitt Walker (Rick Hooper), 684-0429
Neighborhoods	Participating	Rob Mattson, 684-4060
Community - Private Developer(s)	Participating	No Contact Assigned

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Matrix Activity III OS12

Develop community climbing rock, skateboard park, sledding hill, Frisbee golf course, or other active sports facility if the neighborhood supports such a program.

**Priority** Third Status: In-Progress

Sub-Activity Investigate alternative locations for a permanent skatepark facility adequate for the needs of Crown Hill/Ballard.

**Summary** Seattle Parks Department has developed a preferred alternative for the design of the new Ballard Civic Center Park. The site plan calls for the development of an active skateboard area intended to appeal to younger and neighborhood skateboard interests. Design for this park was the subject of a public hearing before the Board of Park Commissioners in early April of 2004. Park Board made final recommendations to Superintendent Bounds at its next meeting on May 13. Considerable public interest has been expressed to expand the skateboard park by maintaining the existing "skate bowl" element. The "skate bowl" and adioining skateboard fixtures are existing elements in the interim skateboard park developed on the site of the future Ballard Civic Center Park.

> Susan Golub (Parks) has convened a Skateboard Park Advisory Committee. This effort is expected to lead to a plan to develop active skateboard areas in one or more locations around the city. Lower Woodland Park is the nearest facility to Ballard currently under consideration, other than the skate element in the Ballard Civic Center Park.

### **Implementors**

Department	Role	Contact Name and Number
Parks and Recreation	Lead	Susan Golub, 684-7406
Parks and Recreation	Lead	Cathy Tuttle, 684-7033
Neighborhoods	Participating	Rob Mattson, 684-4060

Matrix Activity

Enhance pedestrian connections on 28th Ave. NW from the Ballard Community Center to the street end at Salmon Bay. Complete curb and sidewalk. Provide curb extensions on NW Market Street.

**Priority** Fourth

Status: Completed

Sub-Activity Improve the pedestrian environment and crossing at NW Market and 28th Ave. NW.

**Summary** Seattle Dept. of Transportation (SDOT) installed a pedestrian signal in October, 2004.

**Implementors** 

Department	Role	Contact Name and Number
Transportation	Lead	Megan Hoyt, 684-5124
Neighborhoods	Participating	Rob Mattson, 684-4060